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SUBJECT: SILVERIO CRITICIZES GOP CIVIL AVIATION PANEL

1. RICARDO M. SILVERIO, PRESIDENT OF AIR MANILA (A CHARTER CARRIER) AND ALSO OF DELTA MOTORS (LARGEST AUTO ASSEMBLER, OF TOYOTAS) HAS PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE GOP CIVIL AVIATION PANEL FOR NOT CONCLUDING A CHARTER AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON. QUOTING FROM THE REPORT SUBMITTED HIM BY AIR MANILA EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ENRIQUE SALONGA, SILVERIO CHARGED THAT "MR. TIANSAY AND THE ADVISERS COMING FROM PAL, NAMELY FELIPE GOZON AND VICTORIANO DUNGCA, NOT ONLY WERE ADAMANT TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT BUT REFUSED TOTALLY AND/OR IGNORED THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. PANEL RELATIVE TO THE CONSUMMATION OF A CHARTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." THIS, SILVERIO CONCLUDED, WAS A DISSERVICE TO THE PHILIPPINE TOURIST INDUSTRY.

2. TIANSAY HAS SAID HE WISHES TO AVOID A PUBLIC DEBATE WITH SILVERIO, WHOM HE IS TRYING TO REACH TO POINT OUT THAT PHILCAB IS LEGALLY BOUND TO APPROVE ALL CHARTERS COMING TO THE PHILIPPINES. IN ANY CASE, THE U.S. SIDE

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HAD REITERATED THAT A CHARTER AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE PART OF ANY UNDERSTANDING. (CF. PARA 8 OF STATE 172455). FINALLY, TIANSAY SAID, THE CHARTER PROPOSAL WAS THE ONLY AREA IN WHICH THE GOP PANEL SUBMITTED A RESPONSE IN WRITING TO THE U.S.

3. COMMENT. SILVERIO'S BLAST IS A TEMPEST IN THE TEA-

POT AND REFLECTS A SELECTIVE USE OF FACTS. HIS MAN ON
THE SPOT, SALONGA, IS WELL AWARE OF THE STIPULATION THAT
A CHARTER AGREEMENT WOULD FORM PART OF THE WHOLE PACKAGE.
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